## ELECTROPHOTOGRAPHIC TONER, ITS PRODUCTION METHOD, IMAGE FORMING METHOD AND IMAGE FORMING DEVICE

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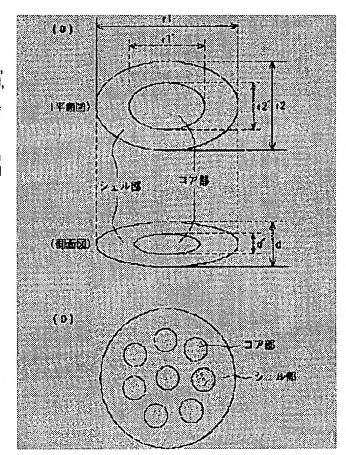
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## **Abstract of JP2002229248**

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To provide an electrophotographic toner, which has a coreshell structure, thereby effectively preventing offset during fixing, is free of blocking, fracture, and fusing, provides satisfactory gloss at need, retains a satisfactory particle state even in a low density area, and assures the formation of an image having a wide range from a low density to a high density, and exhibits excellent features, and to provide a production method of the toner, an image forming method and an image forming device. SOLUTION: In the electrophotographic toner having a coreshell structure, a core portion and a shell portion are differing in softening degree. The core portion is lower in viscosity during heat fixing than the shell portion. Also, the core portion is higher in releasability than the shell portion.



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